

## **2008 CERT GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **2008 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. Increase membership
  - Increase membership by 150
  - Hold 10 initial training courses, including one Spanish Class
    - a. Hold at least one course in each Commissioner's district
    - b. Hold evening, day, and weekend courses
2. Initiate a District Program
  - Establish a communications plan and exercise the plan
  - Establish incident command within each district
  - Create Exercise plan
  - Create a partnership with first responders within each District
  - Provide a social event that each district can attend (1 per /district or hold one social for a couple of districts)
3. Offer Skills Sustainment Training each quarter
4. Distribute a minimum of 3 Newsletters
5. Update the CERT website
6. Provide annual training
7. Organize one social event
8. Develop 501(c) 3

## 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. **Cobb EMA held eight initial training sessions in 2008, including a Spanish course that was scheduled but cancelled due to lack of participants. A total of 123 individuals were CERT trained. One evening course was held in each of the four Commissioner Districts; two day courses, and two weekend courses were held.**
  - Class 49 – Austell Threadmill Complex (evening) - **11** graduated on 1/29/08
  - Class 50 - St. Ann's (day) - **16** graduated on 2/28/08
  - Class 51 – Congregation Etz Chaim (evening) - **12** graduated on 2/28/08
  - Class 52 – Acworth PD (Saturday) - **18** graduated on 3/15/08
  - Class 53 – St. James (evening) - **24** graduated on 5/6/08
  - Class 54 – Life's Hope (day) - **11** graduated on 8/26/08
  - Class 55 – Smyrna (Saturday) - **13** graduated on 9/27/08
  - Class 56 – Burnt Hickory (evening) - **18** graduated on 10/30/08
2. **The CERT District Program was created. Cobb EMA has established operational divisions in order to enhance the readiness of Cobb CERT members.**
  - **9 District leaders were selected**
    - District 1- Sam Peng (Commissioner District 1)
    - District 2- Mike Patellis (Commissioner District 2)
    - District 3- Ron Simmons (Commissioner District 3)
    - District 4- Ed Humphries (Commissioner District 4)
    - District 5- Bob Flavin (City of Acworth)
    - District 6- Fabian Mayorga (City of Kennesaw)
    - District 7- John Murray (City of Marietta)
    - District 8- Jani McGee (City of Smyrna)
    - District 9- Bobby Pilgrim (cities of Austell & Power Springs)
  - **Four districts created and exercised a communications plan, including telephone call trees and/or web alert programs.**
    - District 1
    - District 2
    - District 4
    - District 7
  - **Established incident command in each district**
    - District 1
    - District 2
    - District 4
    - District 7
  - **Created an exercise plan**
    - Developed by District Leaders and the Education Working Group
    - Each district will receive a one day combined training and exercise
    - District 2 piloted the exercise on 11/15
  - **Created partnerships with jurisdiction's chief administrators within Cobb County and the CERT members**
    - Provided status briefings of the CERT Program to chief administrators

- Chief administrators and/or their designees participated on CERT Discussion Panels and at graduations of initial training courses.

3. **Ten Skills Sustainment sessions were held in 2008, covering two sections.**

- Med Ops I
  - 26 members participated on 1/19/08
  - 26 members participated on 1/27/08
  - 23 members participated on 4/15/08
  - 22 members participated on 4/23/08
  - 17 members participated on 5/8/08
  - 15 members participated on 5/13/08
- Med Ops II
  - 29 members participated on 2/20/08
  - 24 members participated on 2/24/08
  - 22 members participated on 8/26/08
  - 17 members participated on 8/23/08
- ❖ **Total participated in skills sustainment – 221**

4. **Communications were enhanced among members through distribution of the CERT Newsletters**

- Created and distributed two newsletter

5. **Cobb EMA developed and updated the CERT website**

- Added links to website for easy access
- Added forms used in CERT Program
- Added activity pictures along with class photos
- Added District Leader and Working Group Leader information

6. **Cobb EMA provided Other Training**

- Special Training
  - Storm Spotter classes on 2/11
  - Damage Assessment classes on 7/29-7/30
  - Rain Barrel class on 8/21/08
  - EOC Administrative Responsibilities class on 9/4
  - Basic Search and Rescue class on 10/11
- Participated in Exercises
  - Active Shooter Exercise held on 5/27
  - Marietta Fire Exercise held on 8/6
  - Cobb Fire Recruit Drill held on 10/3
- Assisted in Community Events
  - Booth display at Health and Wellness Fair – 4/26
  - Booth display at North Georgia State Fair – 9/18-28
    - Booth operated 11 days and was open for 95 hours
    - 51 CERT volunteers worked 24 shifts to serve 356 volunteer hours
    - Booth was visited by more than 745 fair attendees

- 83 applications were completed for those interested in the CERT program
- Smyrna Birthday Celebration- 8/2
- Whistle Stop Tour- 9/15
- Thunderbirds' Air Show- 10/18-10/19

7. **District Social Events**

- District 4
  - Members in district and their family members had dinner on 10/25 at Bay Breeze
- District 1
  - Members in district and their family members had a picnic on 10/26 at Oregon Park
- District 7
  - Members in district had dinner on 11/19 at Piccadilly

8. **Disaster Preparedness Volunteers 501(C)3 created that will assist the CERT Program**

- More information as developments occur.